

Supergiant shells

~ 1000 pc

 $\sim 10^7 \text{ yr}$ 

(multi generations)

Superbubbles

~ 100 pc

 $\sim 10^6 \text{ yr}$ 

(OB associations)

Bubbles, SNRs

~ 10 - 50 pc

 $\sim 10^3 - 10^5 \text{ yr}$  (single star)

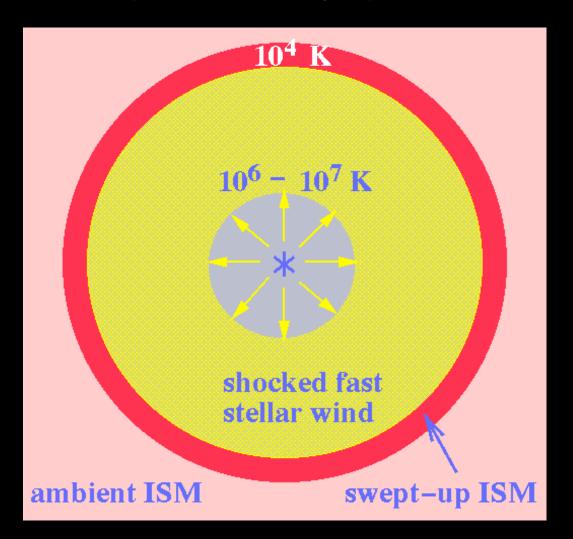
 $R - H\alpha$ 

**G** - [S II]

B - [O III]

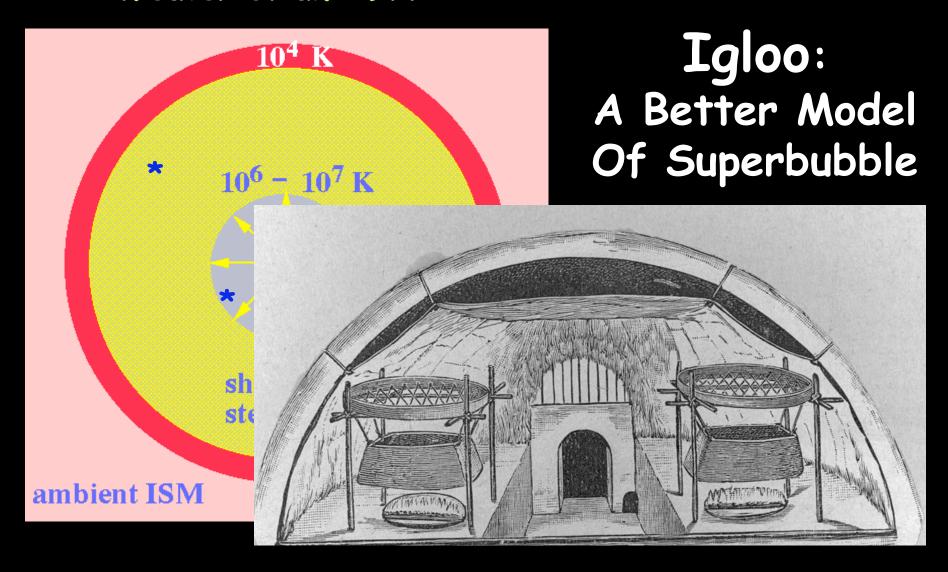
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Weaver et al. 1977

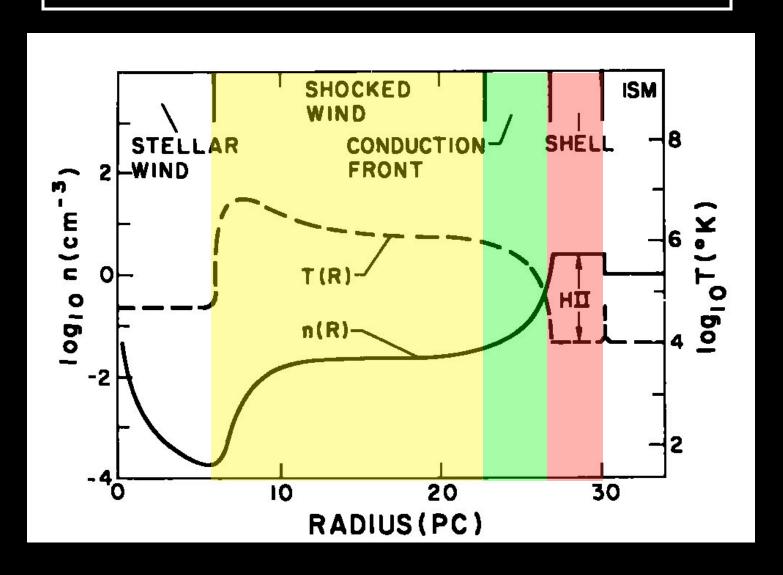


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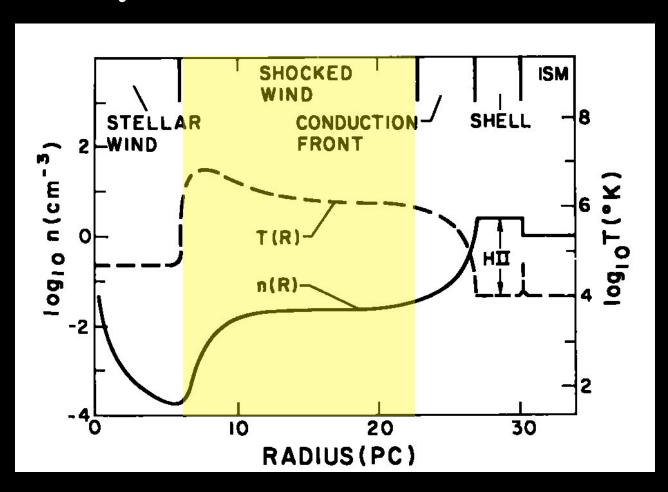
#### Schematic Bubble Structure



Weaver et al. 1977

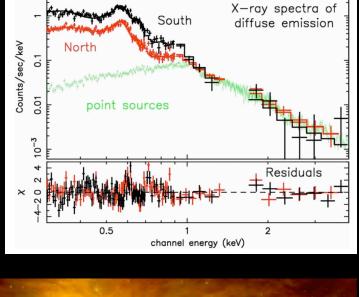
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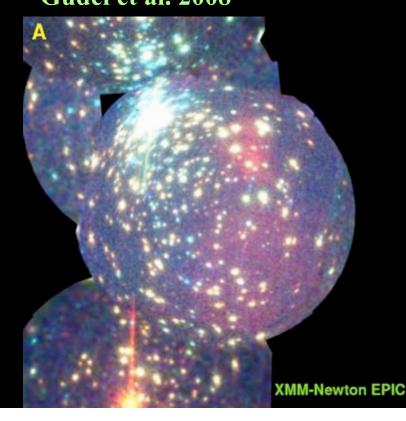
#### X-ray emission from bubble interior

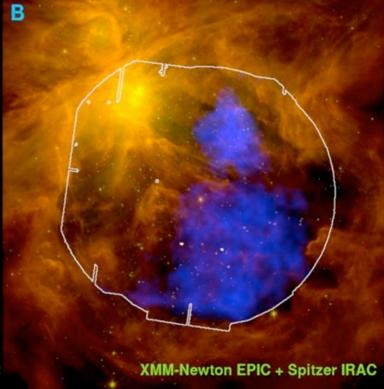


# Hot Gas in the Orion Nebula

 $T \sim 2 \times 10^6 \text{ K}$   $Lx \sim 5.5 \times 10^{31 \text{ erg/s}}$ 3.5 pc in diameter Güdel et al. 2008





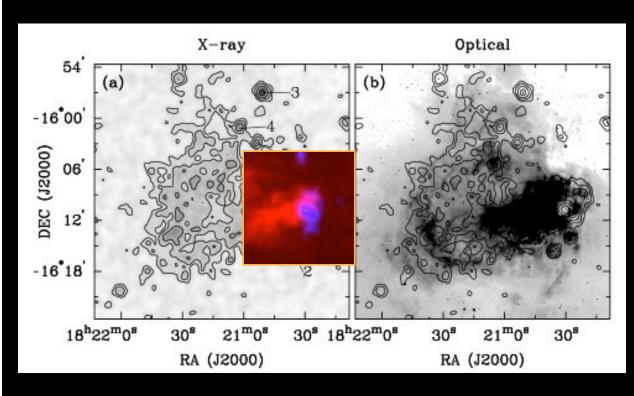


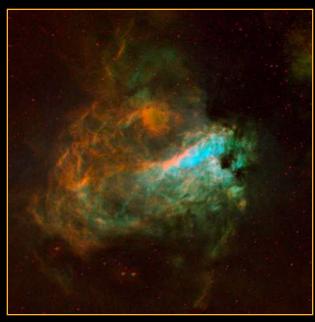
## Hot Gas in the Omega Superbubble

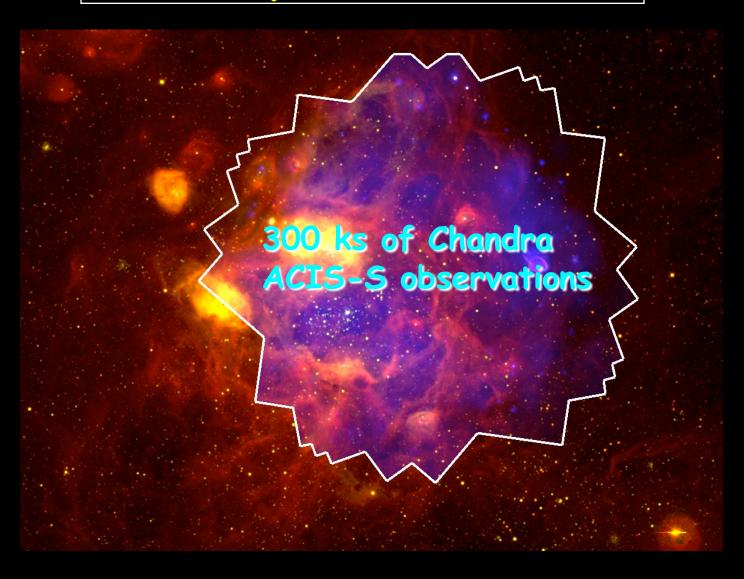
Two young superbubbles are detected in X-rays by Chandra: Omega and (Rosette)

**ROSAT - Dunne et al. 2003, ApJ, 590, 306** 

Chandra - Townsley et al. 2003, ApJ, 593, 874







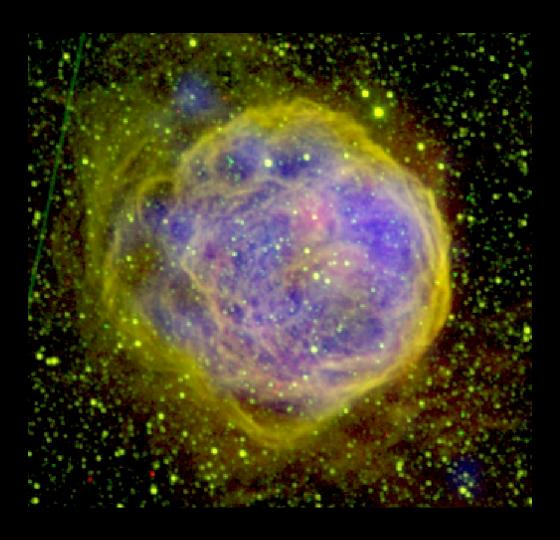
**Red:** Ha Blue: X-ray



**Red:** Hα Blue: X-ray

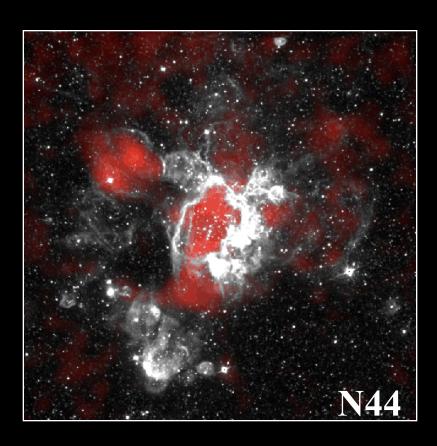


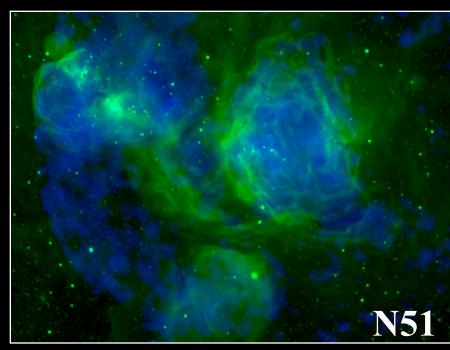
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## LMC Superbubbles N44 and N51D





Chu et al. 1993, ApJ

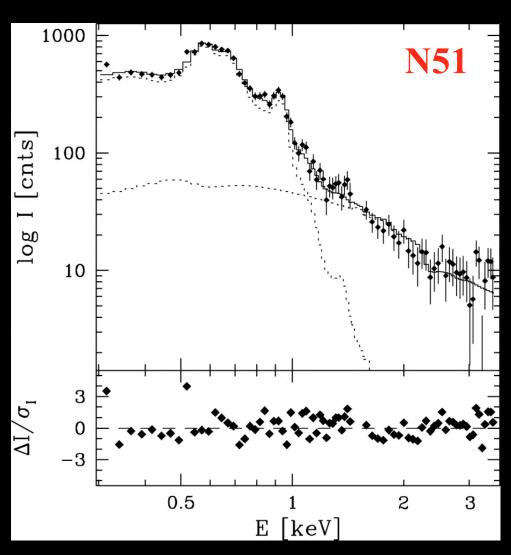
Cooper et al. 2004, ApJ

#### X-ray Observations of Bubbles

- Detection of hot gas associated with fast winds
  - 12 PNe, 2 WR bubbles, several superbubbles
- Properties of the hot gas:

1	T <sub>e</sub> [10 <sup>6</sup> K]	$N_e$ [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	L <sub>X</sub> [erg/s]
PN	$1-3 \times 10^6$	100	$10^{31} - 10^{32}$
WR	$1-2 \times 10^6$	1	$10^{33} - 10^{34}$
M17	$7 \times 10^{6}$	0.3	$10^{33}$
Orion Eridanus	2 ×10 <sup>6</sup>	0.2-0.5	$5 \times 10^{31}$
LMC SBs	<b>99</b>	<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	up to 10 <sup>35</sup>

## Nonthermal X-ray Emission



0.2 keV thermal + power-law

30 Dor C - Bamba et al.

- Smith, Wang

RCW38 - Wolk et al.

N51 - Cooper et al.

N11 - Maddox et al.

Parizot et al. 2004 acceleration by repeated shocks and turbulence

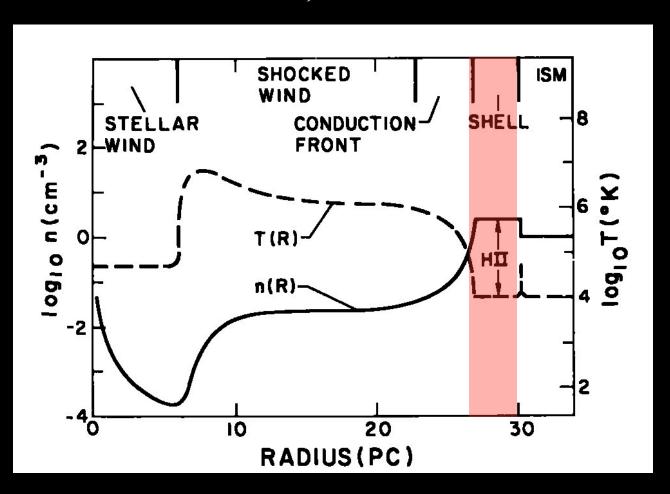
Synchrotron?
Inverse Compton?
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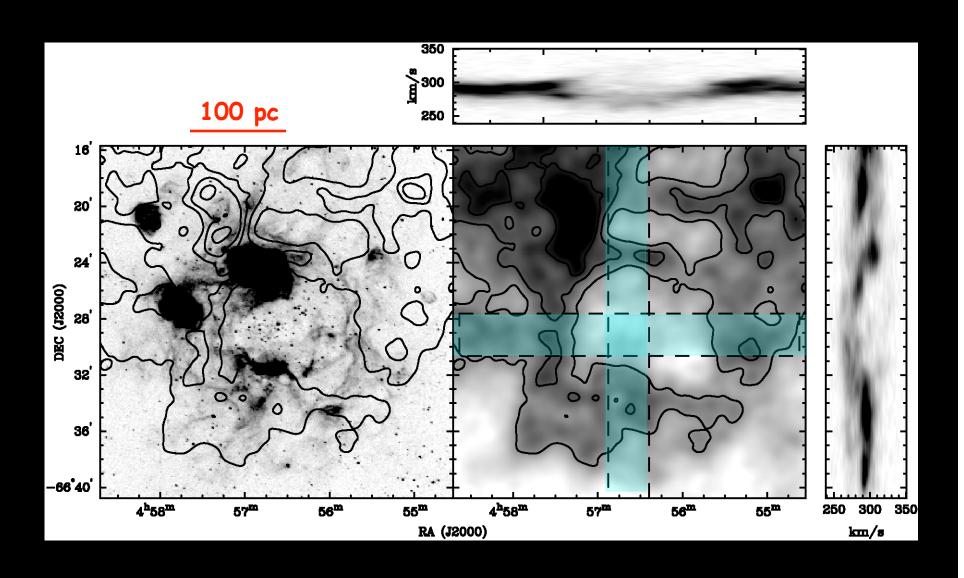
- X-ray emission from bubble interior is soft
- ISM absorbs soft X-ray emission
- X-ray emission depends on:
  wind properties
  concentration of massive stars
  - clumpy structure of the ambient medium
  - magnetic fields supernova explosions
- Nonthermal X-ray emission!!!

#### II. Dense Swept-up Shell

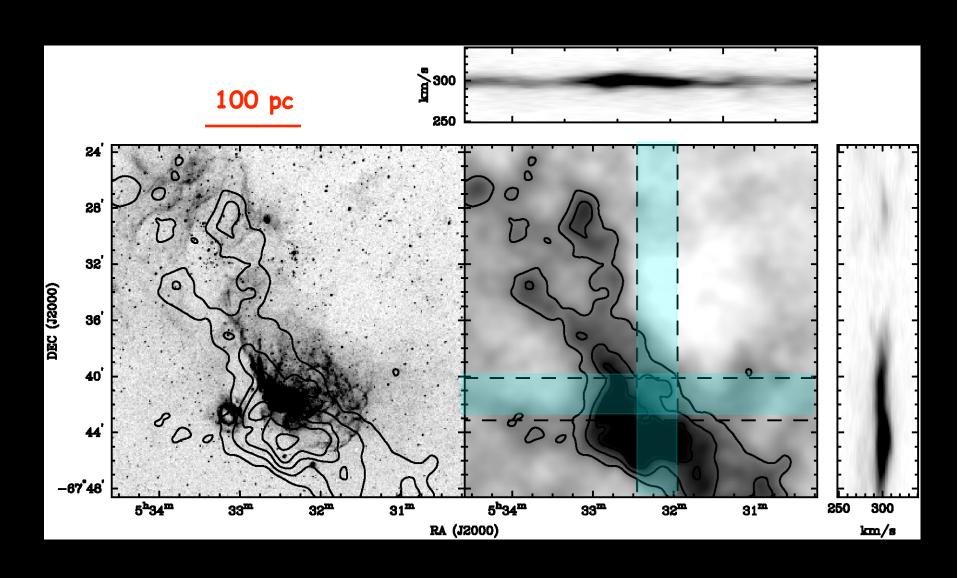
#### Hα from H II shell, 21-cm from HI shell



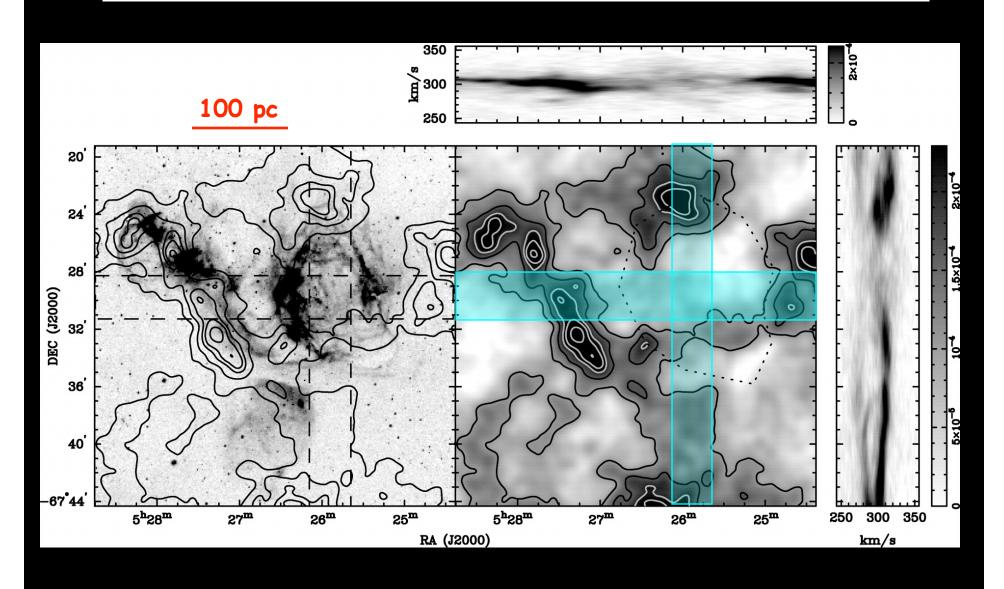
# HII and HI Shells of N11



# HII and HI Shells of N57

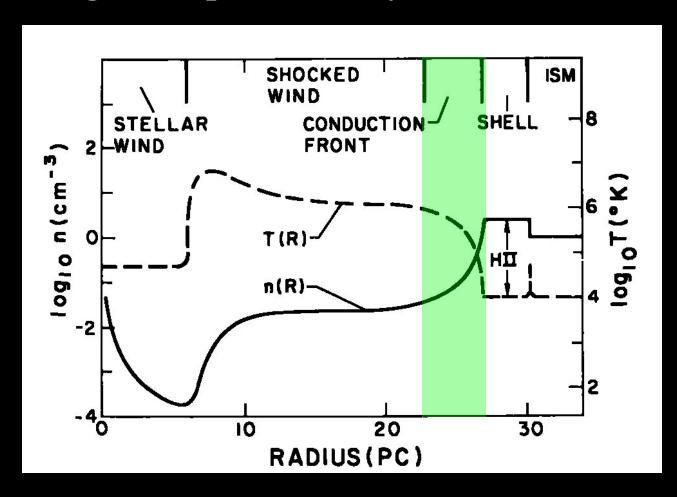


#### HII and HI Shells of N51



#### III. Conduction Layer

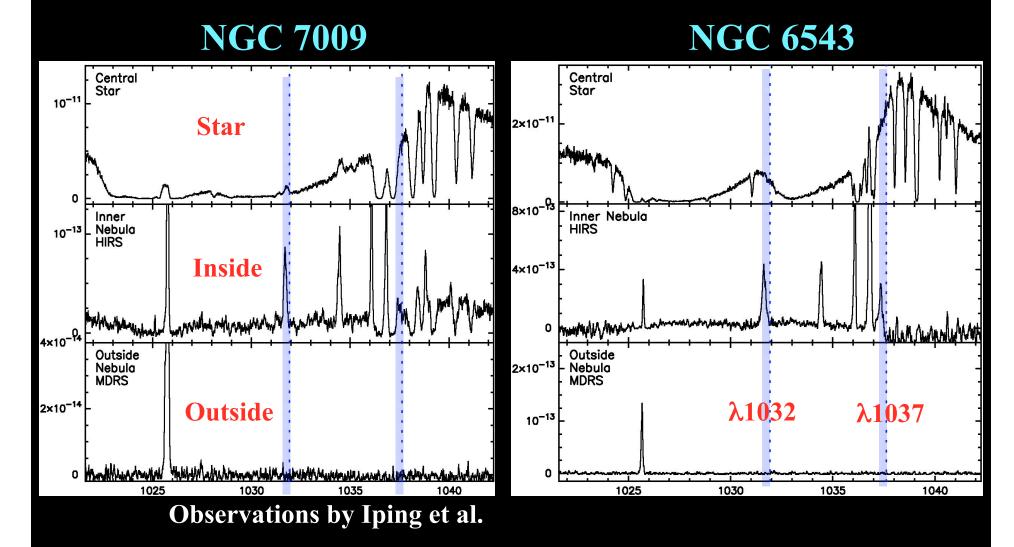
- Probe the thermal conduction layer High ions produced by thermal collisions



# Probes of the Conduction Layer

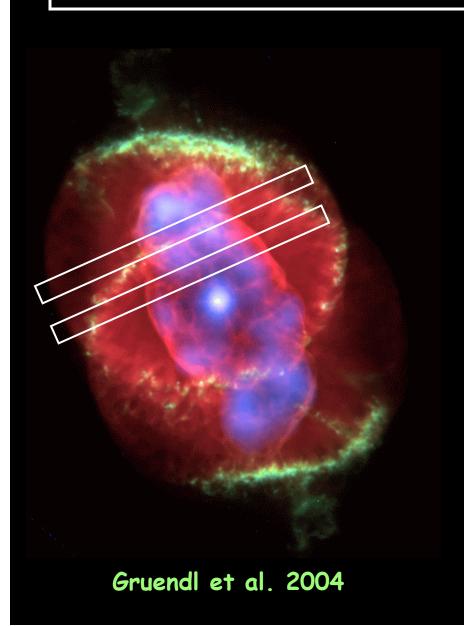
CIV NVO VI  $\lambda\lambda$  (Å) 1548, 1550 1238, 1242 1031, 1037 Obs. HST/STIS HST/STIS **FUSE I.P.** (eV) 138.1 47.9 77.5 Collisional ionization **(K)**  $T^*_{eff}(K)$ Photo-ionization

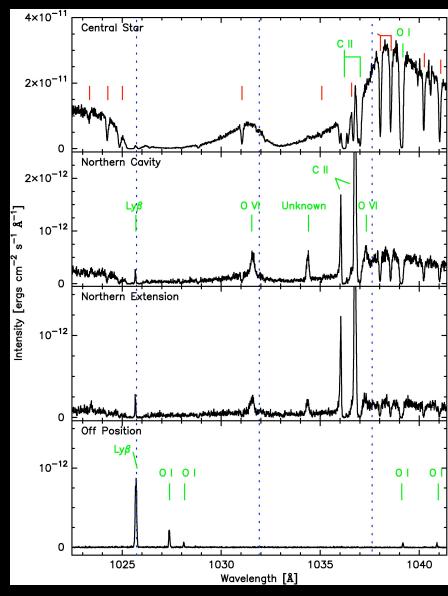
#### OVI Absorption vs. Emission



Stellar P Cygni profile; nebular O VI emission

#### FUSE Observations of NGC 6543





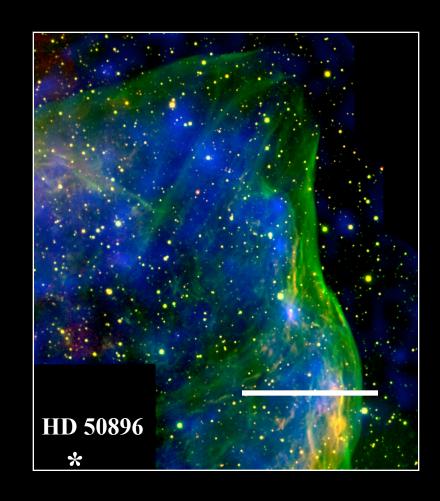
#### Circumstellar WR Bubble 5 308

Boroson et al. (1997) detected N V absorption from the conduction layer.

HST STIS observation of N V and C VI emission was scheduled, but STIS died.

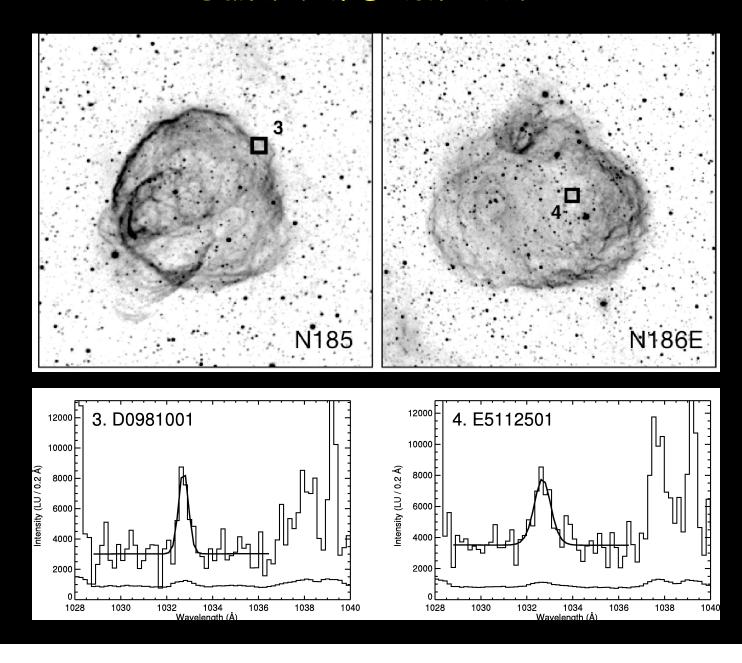
FUSE observations of O VI were awarded, and it died, too.

Spitzer can observe Ne V, but it is running out cryogen.



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#### O VI Emission Detected in Superbubbles N185, N186E Sankrit & Dixon 2007



#### III. Conduction Layer

- Probe the thermal conduction layer with high ions produced by thermal collisions
- NGC 6543: given the boundary conditions of hot interior and warm shell, thermal conduction appears to be consistent, but does not explain the low X-ray luminosity.
- O VI emission studies avoid contamination from hot halo gas SPEAR - O VI emission from Eridanus (Kregenow et al. 2006)

#### Final Words

Multi-wavelength observations

are needed to study the physical structure of ISM bubbles.

ISM bubbles need to be studied in conjunction with the history and distribution of massive Star formation.

